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Re: MUR 5020, Request for Extension of Time to Respond to
Complaint

Dear Ms. Smith:

Showboat Atlantic City, Inc. ("Showboat, Inc.") and Harrah's Atlantic City, Inc. request an extension of time to respond to the complaint filed against them by Audrey L. Michael until, and including June 30, 2000. A response currently is due on June 20, 2000. An extension of time is needed in order to avoid prejudice to Showboat, Inc. and Harrah's Atlantic City, Inc. due to their late receipt of the complaint and the current absence of the attorney assisting them in this matter.

Showboat, Inc. and Harrah's Atlantic City, Inc. are the true parties in interest in this matter. The complaint names Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. ("Harrah's Entertainment") as a party but does not allege facts involving any employees of Harrah's Entertainment. The complaint, instead, alleges conduct involving employees of Showboat, Inc. and Harrah's Atlantic City, Inc., two indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Harrah's Entertainment. Herbert Wolfe and David Jonas¹ who are named in the complaint are employed by Showboat, Inc. and Harrah's Atlantic City, Inc. respectively. Showboat, Inc. and Harrah's Atlantic City, Inc., therefore, intend to file a response in this matter.

Harrah's Entertainment received service of the complaint on June 5, 2000. Due to uncertainty regarding the identity of the

¹It appears that David Jonas was incorrectly named as "Howard Jonas" in the complaint.

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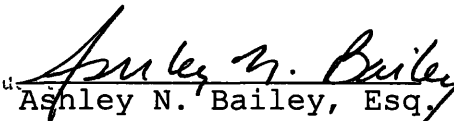
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true parties in interest, Showboat, Inc. and Harrah's Atlantic City, Inc. did not learn that the Federal Election Commission had accepted a complaint for review and did not receive the complaint until June 12, 2000. The Commission regulations grant 15 days in which to file a memorandum setting forth reasons why the Commission should not act on a complaint. See 11 C.F.R. 111.6(a). Based on the date of the original service on Harrah's Entertainment, a response currently is due on June 20, 2000, giving the respondents only 8 days in which to respond. Therefore, the respondents request additional time in which to investigate facts alleged in the complaint and draft a thorough response.

Furthermore, David O. Stewart, the attorney representing Showboat, Inc. and Harrah's Atlantic City, Inc., left for vacation before learning that a formal complaint had been accepted for review by the Commission. Mr. Stewart is scheduled to return on June 15, 2000. The respondents therefore request an extension until and including June 30, 2000, so that they will have the full 15 days allotted by regulation for their attorney to assist them in responding to this matter.

Finally, the respondents believe an extension until June 30, 2000 would in no way prejudice the complainant or the government.

Respectfully submitted,


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